

North Arvada Middle School School Accountability Committee

Jan. 8, 2018
6:45 p.m.

Old Business

Discuss Jan. 4 Revisioning Day and New Slogan

New Business

6th Grade Transition/Electives

Were told 717 kids coming in, but it's thought that it's more like 6-650 kids. We lose about as many kids as we take in for choice enrollment. Current breakdown: 8th-171, 7th-204, only 28 GT coming in, 6th-187, 25 of those GT students. This is what is expected to have.

Might have 4 person team and 2 person team right now. Able to increase world languages full time, band and choir full time, orchestra full time. Because of the numbers, on some of the teams there are opportunities for additional electives, teachers can think of what they want to do.

There might be a possibility for a gardening elective. Hopefully it will be something the teachers are excited to do. Possibilities to offer more in electives for 7th and 8th graders. 6th graders gets computer literacy, social emotional learning, and certain things on their wheel including art, music, and PE. Possibility to add a dean to manage student behavior, and can keep instructional coaches. On a two person team, each would teach two core subjects (for 6th graders). 6th graders won't have all the same electives as 7th/8th

Hiring Options

Discussed hiring a dean and instructional coach or two teachers. Might institute buddy classrooms. 10 percent is usually the group that is a behavior problem in the school, but the behavior of this group seems to affect the entire school.

1:1 Device School

Money has been saved for and budgeted for technology rotation. Six teachers are doing the pilot program for chrome books—Heimbigner, Armstrong, Daugherty, Clark, Kralicek. The shared carts don't have to be shared as much. We won't need the computer lab and will save 14,000 on printing

New Bell Schedule

Possibility of changing the late start bell schedule to be 9:30am every week. There would still be enrichment, just 30 min less. When allowed in middle school?

Drop Off Procedures

Will drop off procedures change for 7th and 8th graders for next year? Will there be more options for drop off?

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